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Grant of licence to non-military associations for target practice.

*2 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are any by-laws regulating the granting of licence to non-military associations for target practice; and

(b) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to lay a copy of these by-laws on the table; and if not, why not?

A.—(a) & (b) No such by-laws have been issued by the Local Government. The rules of the Government of India provide for the issue of licences for the purpose indicated.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—"With regard to the answer to both the sections, may I know whether the Local Government have any intention of framing any by-laws with a view to facilitate the granting of licences to non-military associations for target practice?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"That question has not been considered by Government."

Factories

Prosecutions against owners of small factories.

*3 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of prosecutions against owners of small factories in the last five years;

(b) the total fines inflicted; and

(c) the nature generally of the offences for which prosecutions were launched?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The hon. Member is referred to the statement entitled 'Statement showing the particulars and results of prosecutions' appended to the annual reports on the working of the Indian Factories Act, 1911, during the last five years which have been placed at the disposal of the Press.

Number of Government and private factories in this Province.

*4 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of factories established by Government and by private agencies in this Province;

(b) the number of factories under each head classified according to the nature of the business done in each factory; and

(c) the number of labourers including women employed in each factory?

A.—(a) There were 1,480 factories registered under the Indian Factories Act at the end of year 1928, of which 1,393 were in commission during the year and the remaining 87 were closed.

(b) A statement giving the information is appended.[a]

[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 96 infra.